

Programme

Time	Agenda	Facilitator
Day 1: Wednesday, August 26, 2026		
09:00 am – 09:20 am	Registration	Rekha Khatri Thapa Senior Programme Associate, ICIMOD
09:20 am – 10:20 am	Opening session Moderator: Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources of Bhutan (MoENR)	
09:20 am – 09:30 am	Welcome remarks	Honourable Minister, MoENR (TBD)
09:30 am – 09:40 am	Opening remarks	Honourable Chairperson, National Council of Bhutan (TBC)
09:40 am – 09:50 am	Remarks from the co-host	Pema Gyamtsho Director General, ICIMOD
09:50 am – 10:05 am	Recap from the first HKH parliamentarians' meet	Ashok Kumar Chaudhary Chair, Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee, Federal Parliament of Nepal
10:05 am – 10:20 am	Keynote address	Honourable Prime Minister, Royal Government of Bhutan (TBC)
10:20 am – 11:00 am	Group photo and tea/coffee break	
11:00 am – 12:30 pm	Technical session I: Global to local – adaptation for the Hindu Kush Himalaya	

11:00 am – 11:20 am	Setting the scene Resilience perspectives: global and national climate adaptation actions, taking lessons from policy, finance, and regional collaborations	Motsomi Maletjane Manager, Review Subdivision, Adaptation Division, United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)
11:20 am – 12:20 pm	Panel discussion Adaptation status and priorities from the Hindu Kush Himalaya countries Panellists: Head of Delegations	
12:20 pm – 12:30 pm	Outcome from Technical session I	
12:30 pm – 13:30 pm	Lunch break	
13:30 pm – 15:00 pm	Technical session II: Evidence and impacts of climate change in the Hindu Kush Himalaya and its implications for policy, finance, and regional cooperation	
13:30 pm – 13:45 pm	Scene setting The evidence for action: climate change in the Hindu Kush Himalaya and its socioecological impacts	Neera Shrestha Pradhan, Water and Cryosphere Lead, ICIMOD
13:45 pm – 14:50 pm	Panel discussion From evidence to action: experiences and perspectives to guide policy, finance, and regional responses Panellists: Honourable Members of Parliament from the HKH	
14:50 pm – 15:00 pm	Outcome from Technical session II	
15:00 pm – 15:30 pm	Tea/coffee break	
15:30 pm – 17:00 pm	Technical session III: From commitments to action: enabling finance for mountain adaptation	

15:30 pm – 15:45 pm	Scene setting Adaptation finance landscape in the HKH: needs, gaps, and opportunities	Asian Development Bank (ADB)/ICIMOD (TBC)
15:45 pm – 16:45 pm	Panel discussion Parliamentarians for climate finance Panellists: Honourable Members of Parliament from the HKH	Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO) (TBC)
16:45 pm – 16:55 pm	Outcome from Technical session III	
18:30 pm – 21:00 pm	Welcome dinner (hosted by the Parliament of Bhutan) Venue: TBC	

Day 2: Thursday, August 27, 2026		
09:00 am–09:10 am	Welcome and Recap of Day I	ICIMOD
09:10 am – 09:20 am	Technical session IV: Advancing regional cooperation for climate resilience in the Hindu Kush Himalaya Moderator: ICIMOD	
09:20 am – 10:20 am	Panel discussion Collective and coordinated action for a resilient Hindu Kush Himalaya	Pema Gyamtsho, ICIMOD
10:20 am – 10:30 am	Panellists: Honourable Members of Parliament from the HKH Outcome from Technical session IV	
10:30 am – 11 :00 am	Tea/coffee break	
11:00 am – 11:30 am	Outcome from the technical sessions: Roadmap for continued regional parliamentary engagement and sustainability plan – ICIMOD	
11:30 am – 12:00 pm	Declaration/Communique (As deemed appropriate) – Bhutan parliamentary representative	

12.20 pm – 13.00 pm	Closing session	
12:20 pm – 12:40 pm	Remarks from the Heads of the Delegations	Participating countries
12:40 pm – 12:50 pm	Closing remarks	Honourable Speaker, National Assembly of Bhutan
12:50 pm – 13:00 pm	Remarks and vote of thanks	Honourable Secretary, MoENR, Bhutan